Assistive Technology Consideration Resource Guide

Instructional or Access Area: Writing	Standard Tools	Accommodations	Assistive Technology Solutions
Sample Tasks: Write name Copy letters/words/numbers for skills practice Write words from memory Copy print from book or worksheet Copy notes from board or overhead Complete written worksheets with single word responses (fill-in-the-blank) Complete written worksheets with phrase or sentence response Complete written test with multiple choice response (circle/mark answer) Complete written test and forms with fill-in-the-blank response Complete written test with matching response Complete written test with phrase/sentence (short answer) Complete written test with essay response (multi-paragraph) Record notes from teacher dictation/lecture with teacher recording notes on board/overhead Record notes from teacher dictation/lecture without teacher notes Generate creative/spontaneous writing samples Enter number in correct location in calculation problems	 Crayon/marker Pencil Pen Letter and number strip Clipboard Word processing software with grammar and spell checker Instructional software to remediate and enhance specific writing skills Commercial websites to remediate and enhance specific writing skills Graphic organizers 	 Increase time for completing assignments Decrease number of responses required Arrange for oral dictation as an alternative to writing (may be accommodation or modification depending on task) Provide peer note taker Use NCR notebooks Change format of assignment to meet needs of student—multiple choice, matching word banks, fill-in-the-blank, short answer Provide typed outline or typed copy of lecture notes to student prior to delivery for student to follow lecture Have student highlight key points on printed copy of notes rather than copying/recording lecture notes Use webbing-concept mapping strategy Modifications Decrease length/complexity of responses 	 Pencil grip or other adapted writing aids Adapted paper (bold line, raised line, different spacing, secured to desk, paper stabilizers) Slant board Personal dry erase board Nonslip Material under writing surface (e.g., Dycem) Tape recorder, digital recorder, Smartpen for dictated responses and notetaking Portable word processor (e.g., AlphaSmart Neo, The Writer Fusion) Note-taking device (e.g., Braille, adapted tape/digital recorder, interactive whiteboards, Notetaker, Iris Pen) Computer with word-processing software with spell and grammar checks (e.g., Microsoft Word) On-screen keyboard Speech-to-text software (e.g., Dragon, Microsoft) Word processing software Outlining/webbing software (e.g., Inspiration or Kidspiration, Draft:Builder) Computer with graphic-based word processor (e.g., Writing with Symbols) Computer with talking word-processing software (e.g., Write Out:Loud, Classroom Suite, Talking Word Processor) Open-source software/apps (e.g., My Study Bar) Computer with word-prediction software (e.g., Co:Writer, WordQ) Computer with graphic based word processor (e.g., Writing with Symbols) Scanner and computer with form-filling software to create electronic worksheets Computer-based advanced reading and writing aids (e.g., Kurzweil, WYNN, Read & Write Gold)
 Copy math calculation problems with correct alignment Record dictated math calculation problems with correct alignment 		Supply word banks, sentence starters, and cloze format writing activities for supports	*Adaptive input hardware and/or software (e.g., keyguard, keyboard utilities, enlarged keyboard, touchscreen, on-screen keyboard, trackball, switch access, voice dictation software, Braille input) and
Copy diagrams and graphs create and plot linear and quadratic equations on graph			adaptive output solutions (screen enlargement, text or screen reading software) to be used as needed for all computer-based writing solutions